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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend Claims 24-26 as follows:

24. (Once Amended) A dried pet food according to Claim 1 having a body in a shape chosen from the group consisting of a triangle, pentagon, and star.

25. (Once Amended) A dried pet food according to Claim 1 having corn gluten meal as a protein source.

26. (Once Amended) A dried pet food according to Claim 1 having a density of 18 lbs/ft³ or less.

Please add newly submitted Claims 27-35 as follows:

27. A dried pet food according to Claim 7 having a body in a shape chosen from the group consisting of a triangle, pentagon, and star.

28. A dried pet food according to Claim 7 having corn gluten meal as a protein source.

29. A dried pet food according to Claim 7 having a density of 18 lbs/ft³ or less.

30. A dried pet food according to Claim 13 having a body in a shape chosen from the group consisting of a triangle, pentagon, and star.

31. A dried pet food according to Claim 13 having corn gluten meal as a protein source.

32. A dried pet food according to Claim 13 having a density of 18 lbs/ft³ or less.
33. A dried pet food according to Claim 18 having a body in a shape chosen from the group consisting of a triangle, pentagon, and star.
34. A dried pet food according to Claim 18 having corn gluten meal as a protein source.
35. A dried pet food according to Claim 18 having a density of 18 lbs/ft³ or less.

REMARKS

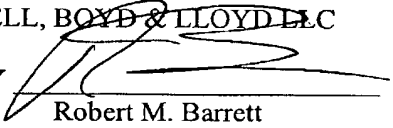
This Preliminary Amendment is submitted in the above-identified patent application. Pursuant to the Preliminary Amendment Claims 24-26 have been amended and newly submitted Claims 27-35 have been added. This Preliminary Amendment does not add new matter. Further, Applicants note that the Preliminary Amendment is not being made for purposes of narrowing the claims and/or patentability but, merely to comport the claims to U.S. practice and/or to add additional claims. Applicants do not intend to disclaim any subject matter in view of the amendments.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Versions with Markings to Show Changes Made."

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Claims:

Claims 24-26 have been amended as follows:

24. (Once Amended) A dried pet food according to [any one of claims] Claim 1[-12 and 18] having a body in [the] a shape chosen from the group consisting of a triangle, pentagon [or] , and star.

25. (Once Amended) A dried pet food according to [any one of claims] Claim 1[-19 and 24] having corn gluten meal as a protein source.

26. (Once Amended) A dried pet food according to [any one of claims] Claim 1[-19 and 24-25] having a density of 18 lbs/ft³ or less.

Claims 27-35 have been added.

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